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## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Mrs. Jocelyn G. Boyd Chief Clerk / Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Duke Energy Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation – Joint Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity for the Construction and Operation of a 750 MW Combined Generating Plant Near Anderson, South Carolina and Motion for Confidential Treatment

Dear Mrs. Boyd:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("Duke Energy Carolinas" or "Company") and the North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation ("NCEMC") is a joint Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity for the Construction and Operation of a combined cycle natural gas-fired generating facility in Anderson, South Carolina, at the Company's existing Lee Steam Station ("Application"). This Application is filed pursuant to the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. § 58-33-10 et seq. (1976 & Supp. 2012) and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Reg. 103-204 (1976, as amended).

By copy of this letter, we are also serving the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff, and others as required by statute, with a copy of the enclosed Application and have attached a certificate of service to that effect as Application Exhibit 1. In compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 58-33-120(2), this letter shall also serve as notice that the Application was filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina on October 24, 2013. A copy of the required public notice is attached as Application Exhibit 2. Affidavits of Publication, which include a copy of the public notice, are attached as Application Exhibit 3.

Also enclosed are testimony from NCEMC's Michael W. Burnette and Duke Energy Carolinas' Clark S. Gillespy, as well as testimony and exhibits from Duke Energy Carolinas'

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Company published the notice in five newspapers. Four of them have sent affidavits of publication. The Company will forward the final affidavit of publication as soon as it is received.

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Janice D. Hager and Mark E. Landseidel. Exhibit 1 to Janice Hager's Testimony is the confidential version of the 2013 Integrated Resource Plan and Exhibit 6 to Mark Lanseidel's Testimony contains the projected cost and operating expense information for the project which is confidential. The Company respectfully requests that it be permitted to file these CONFIDENTIAL EXHIBITS under seal and that they be maintained as confidential and protected from public disclosure pursuant to Order No. 2005-226, "ORDER REQUIRING DESIGNATION OF CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS" and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-804(S)(2)(Supp. 2012). A copy of the public version of the Application, Testimony, and Exhibits are being filed electronically and a copy of the CONFIDENTIAL EXHIBITS are being delivered to the Commission and the Office of Regulatory Staff under seal.

Please consider this correspondence as Duke Energy Carolinas' Motion for Confidential Treatment of the above-referenced information in Exhibit 1 to Janice Hager's Testimony and Exhibit 6 of Mark Landseidel's Testimony.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely, Simila Stafeil Hote

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